



**MAYOR  
JERRY SANDERS  
Science and Technology Commission  
MEETING MINUTES**

The San Diego Science and Technology Commission (SDS&TC) held a Special Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2006, hosted by Community and Economic Development located at 600B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

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I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Martha Dennis, SDS&TC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Members present: Luis Avila, Dr. Hui Cai, Daniel Chang, Dr. Martha Dennis, Dr. Tom Dillon, Charles Holland, Dr. Gail Naughton, and Julie Meier Wright. Members absent: Craig Andrews, Jon Cohen, Scott Corlett, Kristopher Lichter, Susan Myrland, Tyler Orion, Marc Nemer, Craig Roberts, Carrie Stone, and Maurice Wilson. Community & Economic Development Department staff members: Toni Dillon and Tina Hines. City of San Diego Water Department staff members: Ron Coss.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR:** February 8, 2006  
(MOTION/Dillon/Naughton/UNANIMOUS)

IV. **CITY OF SAN DIEGO WATER REUSE STUDY**

A. Action Item: Request for a Commission letter of support for the Water Reuse Study Interim Report: Ross Coss, Technical Manager, City of San Diego Water Department summarized for the Commission the basis for the Water Reuse Study. Coss state that in January 2004, the City Council directed the Water Department to conduct a study to look at all options for water reclamation.

He stated that the City has two water reclamation plants North City and South Bay. The North City water reclamation plant has a treatment capacity of 30 million gallons per day or can produce 24 million gallons of tertiary water. This tertiary water is distributed through the “purple pipe” system. The South Bay water reclamation plant has a treatment capacity of 15 million gallons per day or can produce 13 million gallons of tertiary water per day. Ninety-eight percent of tertiary water is used for landscape irrigation and two percent is used for industrial uses.

After additional discussion, the Commission decided that water reclamation is a critical issue that should be examined. Dr. Tom Dillon moved to authorize Dr. Martha Dennis to draft a letter of support for the Water Department’s Water Reuse Study  
(MOTION/Dillon/Naughton/UNANIMOUS)

V. **CITY OF SAN DIEGO UPDATE**

Toni Dillon, with Community and Economic Development Division, confirmed that the Mayor’s Fiscal Year 2007 Budget was released on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Dillon stated that Mayor Sanders has plans to stabilize the organization via the re-engineering of various City departments.

Dillon was asked about organizations that engage economic development activities. Dillon reported that organizations such as the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the City’s Economic Development Division and the Regional Economic Development Corporation receive grant Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) grant funds under a city-wide category. In addition, eligible non profit organizations may apply TOT grant funds for targeted economic development activities.

VI. DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2007.

Dr. Martha Dennis stated that in anticipation of the discussion of a strategic plan, she re-examined the mission of the Commission. Dr. Dennis stated the activities of the Commission have concentrated on the following three areas of interest: 1) digital inclusion; 2) free public WiFi; 3) Science and Technology for Economic Prosperity (S.T.E.P.) Forum. She opined that the Commission responsibility is to act as a neutral advisory board serving both small and large businesses within technology clusters.

Dr. Tom Dillon opined that serving the underserved is a part of the mission of the Science and Technology Commission. He continued that assisting the underserved communities is important to the regional perception of San Diego. Ms. Julie Meier Wright suggested that Commission, could get involved with the process to restructure City departments. Toni Dillon suggested that the Commission should consider the alignment of its work plan with mayoral goals. Toni Dillon reported that as part of re-engineering there is a potential for all boards and commission to be centralized.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES: Due to the constraint of time, DIWG, and the Public WiFi Working Group updates were postponed.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, May, 17, 2006.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business of the Commission, this meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.